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TIRE PRODUCTION PROGRESSES;
RECLAIM ABANDONED GLASS PLANT

OUTPUT JUMPS TENFOLD IN 4 YEARS -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 18 Aug 50

In 1946, the Yerevan Tire Plant fell behind. Its annual plan was only 50 percent completed, and waste of costly materials such as rubber and cotton cord amounted to as much as 25 percent. Losses from rejects and low-grade tires were high. Socialist competition was lacking, and long stand-stills caused interruption in the supply of raw materials. Discipline in labor and technology was weak, and there were last-minute rush periods. The basic cause for these failings was inadequate economic and party management.

After strengthening the management of the party and trade union groups in the shops, socialist competition became the basic method of work.

In 1947, the plant exceeded its plan to such an extent that it made up for the deficiency of 1946, and it has continued to speed up its tempo with every year. The average daily output in 1950 has been 10 times as great as in 1946, while the amount of equipment has remained almost unchanged. Workers have not only cut down excessive drain on raw materials, but have produced thousands of automobile tires from raw materials which they have saved. The quality of output has been greatly improved, and the production of grade one items consistently exceeds the prescribed limit. The adoption of conveyer and mechanized methods has contributed much to the plant's success.

Every shift has a schedule of the number and types of automobile tires it must produce, and each worker, brigade, and section strives to put out the necessary quantity of parts. However, auxiliary shops and mechanical and power-engineering services are responsible for occasional breakdown of these schedules. An attempt has been made therefore to devote more attention to the repair of equipment.

The efforts of the plant in developing a steady production pace have been crowned with success. The initial results of conversion to the hourly schedule indicate great advantages in this method of work.

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COMMUNISTS' EXAMPLE SPURS HIGH PRODUCTION -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 10 Aug 50

Socialist competition is being well directed by the party organizations of the Yerevan Plant imeni Kirov, the Yerevan Tire Plant, the Leninakan Textile Combine, the Zangezurskiy Mining Administration, and other republic enterprises. Personal examples have more influence upon the masses than any other inducements, since they instill in them a desire to rival their leaders. Thus, if the Yerevan Tire Plant regularly attains high indexes, it is to the credit of the Communists, who serve as personal examples in their work.

Entering into socialist competition with the experts at the Yaroslavl' Tire Plant, one Communist worker assembled 54 excellent-quality Gigant auto tires every day instead of the 24 anticipated in the plan.

IMPROVE QUALITY OF REPAIRS IN TIRE PLANT -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 17 Aug 50

According to technical estimates, 17 days were required for capital repair of the largest aggregate in the Moscow Tire Plant. Repairmen and power engineers of the enterprise made an estimate of 9 days, and finished in 8.

Aggregates, machine tools, and other machines at the plant are repaired by high-speed methods. This is accomplished by making the main parts of the mechanisms beforehand, and assigning repair brigades to the separate units. The enterprise is making extensive use of highly skilled workers for servicing the aggregates. Mechanics, electricians, and assemblers work on an hourly schedule. As a result of the improvement in quality of repairs made, the equipment's period of service between repairs has been considerably increased.

PUTS OUT DURABLE RACING TIRES -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 22 Aug 50

The Moscow Tire Plant has put out a number of tires for racing automobiles, which are light, but strong and durable. They also help the vehicles to hold the road at high speeds.

BOOST RUBBER OVERSHOES OUTPUT -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 18 Aug 50

The Ministry of the Chemical Industry USSR is increasing output of rubber footwear for the autumn season. Production of women's, men's, and children's boots is being greatly expanded. Since the beginning of the year, their output has been $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as high as for the same period of last year. Boots of rubberized fabric are being put out in large quantity.

The largest enterprises of the ministry, the Moscow Krasnyy Bogatyr' and Leningrad Krasnyy Treugol'nik Plants, are now making about 20 types of overshoes. The output of overshoes made by mechanized stamping is much higher than in previous years. This type of footwear is very durable.

COMPLETES GLASS PLANT CONSTRUCTION -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 19 Aug 50

In 1939, construction of a glass-packing plant with a capacity of 8 million bottles per year was begun not far from the village of Arznaya at the Dzhraberskiy Pumice Sand Base.

Construction proceeded at a slow pace for 10 years, and in 1948 the enterprise closed down. As a result, several million rubles were tied up. In 1948, it was suggested to the Ministry of the Food Industry of the Armenian

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republic that the capacity of the plant be increased to 10 million bottles per year, and that construction be resumed so that it could be put into operation in the shortest possible time.

The Arznya Glass Plant accordingly was constructed and provided with all necessary shops and equipment. The main production area includes a mixing shop, furnace shop, roasting section, compressor station, physics and chemistry laboratory, and living quarters. A step-down [transformer] substation, as well as pump, boiler, machine, and ceramics shops have also been built on the plant grounds.

The building program for 1950 is to emphasize housing construction.

PORCELAIN PLANT MAKES VASES WITH MOSCOW MOTIFS -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 18 Aug 50

The Leningrad Porcelain Plant imeni Lomonosov has made 300 unique porcelain vases for the Sovetskaya Hotel in Moscow. They are imprinted with reproductions of the Kremlin, Krasnaya Ploshchad', the Khimkinskiy River Terminal, Metro stations, and other views of the capital.

The plant will make 1,500 artistic porcelain items in all for the Sovetskaya Hotel.

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